IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS APR 15 PM 3: 57

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Case No. 8:03-CR-77-T-30TBM

SAMI AMIN AL-ARIAN, et al.,

v.

Defendants.

## OPPOSITION OF SAMI AMIN AL-ARIAN TO THE GOVERNMENT'S MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME IN WHICH TO FILE A MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMES NOW the Accused, Dr. Sami Amin Al-Arian, by counsel, and opposes the government's April 12, 2004 Motion For Extension Of Time To File A Motion for Reconsideration. As grounds for the foregoing, the Accused avers as follows:

- Counsel is unaware of any authority either in the Federal Rules of Criminal
   Procedure or the Local Rules that permits the filing of a "motion for reconsideration."
- 2. Counsel is further unaware of any requirement that the Solicitor General be involved with the government's decision to seek reconsideration of this Court's ruling. Counsel is aware, however, that approval from the Solicitor General is required for the filing by the government of an interlocutory appeal.
- 3. The government is out of time with respect to the filing of a notice of appeal from this Court's Order of March 12, 2004, 30 days having expired on April 11, 2004. FRAP 4(b)(B).

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4. The government's Motion appears to be a not-so-transparent attempt to extend the time to file a notice of appeal of the Court's March 12 Order.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons and such others as may appear to the Court, the Accused submits that the government's motion should be denied.

Dated: 15 April 2004

Respectfully submitted.

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